

My name is Darrell Hunt and I am a lobbyist based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. My clients include the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association; the Community Hospital Coalition, a group of twelve public hospitals; the Louisiana Society for Respiratory Care, an organization of roughly 1200 certified respiratory therapists; the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club with 3800 members in Louisiana; and the Louisiana Psychiatric Medicine Association, the state's professional association of psychiatrists, among others.

The proposed rule that would restrict the use of faxes for communication with the members of these organizations without their express permission strikes me as a gross erosion of political speech as guaranteed by the first amendment of our Constitution. I cannot emphasize too strongly how much this proposed rule would restrict communication among and between members of the groups I represent.

The FCC should be doing everything it can to foster political, as opposed to commercial, speech. Instead it seems to be doing just the opposite, attempting to remove obstacles to the conglomeration of our media in the hands of a few while making it more and more difficult for ordinary citizens to communicate political ideas with and among each other.

I respectfully urge you to discontinue this effort and abandon this proposed rule. Stand up for ordinary citizens, not corporate world.